

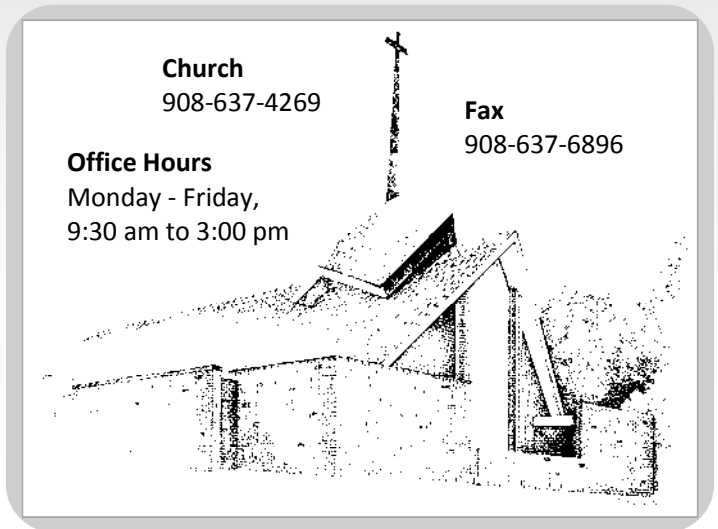
# SAINTS PETER & PAUL CHURCH

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Kevin McCann..... *Music Director*

## **MASSES †**

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 pm  
Sundays..... 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:15 am  
  & 12:30 pm (*Polish*)  
Holydays..... 7:00 am & 6:30, 8:00 pm (*Polish*)  
Weekdays (*including Sat.*)..... 8:30 am



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**CONFESSION:** Saturday, 4:00 - 4:50 pm (*before the 5:00 pm Mass*) and before the 8:30 am Mass (*by appointment only*).

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**BAPTISMS:** Class and arrangements must be made by contacting the Rectory. If you are a newly registered family you are required to be attending Mass for at least 3 months and using offering envelopes.

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**MARRIAGES:** Requirements... Marriage preparation classes and Confirmation (*if you are Catholic*). Arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance. At least 3 meetings with the priest are required.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Classes are held for Parish registered members only on Sunday mornings from mid September to May. Children seeking their sacraments must attend all 8 years of a Religious Education Program. Call 908-637-4269.

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**R.C.I.A.:** Anyone interested in adult religious education or becoming Catholic. Call Marilyn Gorski at 459-4483.

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**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Every 1st Friday of the month, at home or in the hospital, please call the church office, 908-637-4269.

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**SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH NIGHT PRAYER:**  
In Polish from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am.

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**BLUE ARMY PRAYER GROUP:** Every Monday from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the Chapel. New members are always welcome!

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** 2nd Thursday of each month for men 18 years and up. For information call 201-317-6243.

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**OUTREACH PROGRAM:** If you are in need please call Lisa French 908-343-7831. All calls kept confidential.

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**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY:** New members are always welcome! We meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Call Walt at 908-459-5861.

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**POLISH ROSARY SOCIETY:** Meets every first Friday of each month at 7:00 pm. New members are always welcome!

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16/17, 2017

### SAT – Dec 16

5:00p +Adelaide Gorman req Crawford Family

### SUN – Dec 17

7:30a +Joyce Szilagyi req Dorothy & Allan Jaworski

10:00a +Helen "Honey" Hendershot & Rosemarie Olenick req their sister Arlene Olenick

11:15a +Paul Milkowski req WP Traffic Team

12:30p Pol +Jan & Stanislawa Kasprzyk od rodziny Hader

### MON – Dec 18

8:30a -God's blessings for Agnieszka Wojtuszevska & Fam req Lukijaniuk Fam

### TUES – Dec 19

8:30a -God's blessings for the Vesti Family

### WED – Dec 20

8:30a +Dorothy Louise Carpenter req Charles & Sharon Barabas

### THUR – Dec 21 (St. Peter Canisius)

8:30a +Oscar Foose, Jr. req Al & Maureen Mastro

### FRI – Dec 22

7:00a +Deceased members of the Ascolese Family req Ascolese Family

### SAT – Dec 23 (St. John of Kanty)

8:30a +Genowefa Zielinka req her grandchildren

5:00p +Francis Munley req his wife Annette

### SUN – Dec 24 (Sunday & Christmas Eve)

7:30a +Joseph & Helen Olenick req daughter Arlene

10:00a -Holy Spirit wisdom for Ann Chester

11:15a +Marian & Maria Chinalski req daughter Diana Vernacchia

12:30p Pol +Stanislaw, Anatalia, & Adam Rogulski req Donna & Kyle

5:00p +Rev. Arthur Anderson

10:00p Pol: +Adam Talajczyk

12:00a +Josephine & Henry Topeski

**\*\*If you scheduled a Mass and would like to bring up the gifts during that Mass, please see the usher before Mass starts.**

**Bread & Wine** is offered this week in memory of Helen Hendershot req husband Ray & Family.  
**Sanctuary Lamp** is lit this week in memory of William Dippel req daughter Peggy & Bob Willis.  
**Divine Mercy Candle** is offered this week in thanksgiving for the many blessings bestowed on the Wyss/Baldwin family.

### **ORGANIST NEEDED**

We are looking for someone who plays the piano or organ for the 5pm Mass. We are looking to pay that person to play at this Mass. Call Eileen at the church office if you are interested or know of someone we can approach, 908-637-4269.



### **INSPIRATIONAL VIDEOS**

Dynamic Catholic is offering inspirational videos by email to enjoy during Advent, which begins this Sunday, December 3rd. By signing up, you'll receive free Short Inspirational Videos, Practical Tips, and Real-Life Stories of Hope. Some parishioners signed up for this last year and said it helped to bring them into a deeper experience of Christmas, preparing for the coming of Jesus. If interested, sign up for free at [BestAdventEver.com/YoureInvited](http://BestAdventEver.com/YoureInvited).



### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS-December**

1st week - \$3161                      2nd week - \$2389  
3rd week - \$                              4th week - \$

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Dec 17, Sun**-Giving Tree gifts and food due in  
**Dec 17, Sun**-Bambinelli Sunday  
**Dec 22, Fri**-Extra confession, 7-8pm

### **CARPET**

Do we have anyone experienced in laying carpet? Our Men's Lounge classroom has new carpeting but it has now started to "walk" it's way across the floor. We could use your opinion; call 908-637-4269.



### **CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Fri, Dec 22nd--7 - 8pm,

Sat, Dec 23rd--4pm - 4:45pm & 6pm - 7pm

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES** (Sunday, December 24th)

5:00 PM Mass & Pageant,

10:00 PM (Polish),

12:00 Midnight Mass

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES** (Monday, December 25th)

7:30am, 10:00am, 11:15am, 12:30pm (Polish)

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS** (Sunday, December 31st)

5:00 PM, Vigil Mass

#### **NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES** (Mon, January 1st, 2018)

11:15am (English) & 12:30pm (Polish)

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**-Help us decorate! Flower envelopes can be found in the back of the church.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please help yourselves to one box of offering envelopes per family for next year, 2018. Remember, if you wish us to keep track of your donations for tax purposes, please put your name and amount on each envelope. The free address labels are an easy and fast way to address your envelope. Also, Religious Ed families are asked to put your name on each offering envelope. This helps determine your involvement in our parish.



## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

All presents with tags attached are **due in today!** If you have any questions please contact Lisa ASAP at 908-343-7831. Non-perishables items can be dropped off in the barrels in the back of the church. If you have a ham to donate please contact Lisa at 908-343-7831 to drop it off. Thanks for the help! Thanks for your donations. Thanks for your support. Have a Merry Christmas!



## THE JOURNEY BEGINS

Did you know Mary and Joseph passed through country where robbers and outlaws took advantage of travelers. The cost of the journey included tolls paid to tax collectors for road construction. The time to complete the journey could be as little as four days or as much as 8 - 10 days. Have you noticed as Mary and Joseph have been making their journey to Bethlehem, Jesus has been descending from Heaven? Each week he moves one step closer to Earth.

## 2018 Respect Life Grade School Poster Contest

Calling all students in grades 1-8 to participate in the Diocese of Metuchen Respect Life Poster Contest! Theme: How can you share your life with another person who is different from yourself and is facing challenges or problems in life? This contest is open to all Religious Education students. First place winners receive \$50 cash prize! Entry forms were given out in class but if you didn't receive one, please contact Diane Francis at [dfrancis280@comcast.net](mailto:dfrancis280@comcast.net). For contest details visit: <http://diometuchen.org> or call 732-562-1990 exts. 1543 and 1629.

## END-OF-THE-YEAR CHARITABLE GIFT GIVING

Please take advantage of your end of the year charitable gift giving tax deduction and please remember your parish. This deduction can significantly reduce your income taxes while providing meaningful support to numerous financial areas here in our parish.

### Christmas Gift

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Why not give yourselves a Marriage Encounter Weekend. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next weekend will be held January 28-29. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information or visit [aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://aweekendforyourmarriage.org).

## A New Ministry

This ministry's purpose is to spread comfort to our ill parishioners and to people who are in local nursing homes by crafting homemade cards. This concept can also be applied to those who have had a loss of some kind in their family. This will be an opportunity as a group to use our creative talents and share our gifts with others while bringing comfort and joy to many. Everyone is welcomed to join the ministry whether or not you have ever made cards before. We will help you learn how to create the cards. Sponsors and members are needed to help to spread comfort. Mark your calendar for a short meeting to be held on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm in the Religious Ed Building. All those interested, from crafters to sponsors, are encouraged to attend the first meeting to learn all about our goals and plans. Once we are established, we are planning on meeting on a monthly basis. The meetings will be in the evening for those who work and during the day for those who don't like going out in the evening. Questions/comments/suggestions, please contact Teal @ 201-400-7401 or MaryAnn @ 908-246-5900. Looking forward to seeing you.

## PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Father Greg and Deacon Steve would like to invite your family to join them for our **Parish Family Christmas Dinner** on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. It will be a covered-dish/potluck event (a free-will offering will be accepted). Each family should bring a side dish, salad, casserole, dessert or beverages to share. Ham and turkey, pierogi, and some drinks will be provided. All who are planning to attend are asked to please sign up by Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board in the church foyer for your convenience. If you have questions, you may contact MaryAnn at 908-246-5900, Maria at 908-798-9204 or Krystyna at 973-770-4945. After dinner all will join Father Greg and special guests "The Mark Howell Singers" in singing Christmas Carols in English and Polish. This will be a great opportunity to share good food and friendship, to get to know each other a little better, and to celebrate our shared faith! Please make plans now to join us.

## 2018 CALENDARS



Free 2018 Catholic calendars are available in the back of our church compliments of Scala Funeral Home of Hackettstown. Help yourselves to one.

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*The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: The presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.*

**Burton Hillis**

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## PRAY FOR:

**Living:** Mike Decker, Hedda Sivertsoon, Ruthann Kurnath, Paul Marrow, Robert Willis, Mary Rupell  
**Deceased:** Paul Milkowski, Gene Wright, Rosalie Hollenfer, Irene Mazanek, Raymond Ascolese

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